

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 705

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ty Smith upon being named the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains 2012 Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Ty Smith, who was recently named the 2012 Youth of the Year by The Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains, a fitting recognition of his community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Youth of the Year Award is the highest honor a member of the Boys and Girls Club can receive, as it recognizes a member's outstanding contributions to family, school, community, and the club, as well as the recipient's invaluable ability to cope with hardship and overcome challenges; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's recent victory allows him to compete at the state level for a \$1,000 college scholarship from Tupperware Brands Corporation, possibly thereafter moving on to become one of five regional winners of a \$10,000 scholarship and contending for the title of National Youth of the Year and an additional scholarship up to \$50,000 from The Rick and Susan Goings Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ty Smith received this distinct honor in recognition of the many personal challenges he has overcome and his selfless devotion to his family, particularly his younger sister, for whom he has proved an exemplary role model; and

WHEREAS, this young man has demonstrated the utmost courage, strength, and integrity in his ability to cope with life's hardships, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ty Smith for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee and his unwavering commitment to others, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ty Smith upon the occasion of his selection as the Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.